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THE OBSERVATOR.

What the Country-man *would do with the* French *King. The* Obſervator's *further Arguments for Depoſing. The* Rehearſal *to be Cut for the Simples.*

From Wednesday June the 19th, to Saturday June the 22d, 1706.

Country-m. MAſter *Obſervator*, I muſt deſire you to go on with your *Depoſing Stroke*: I find a great many Wiſe Men of your Opinion. But, Maſter, if what we ſay ſignifies nothing at all to the *Publick*, I mean, that the Great *Secretaries* and High *Miniſters* take no other Notice of us, than to ſay, *We are a couple of Saucy Fellows to meddle with things that do not belong to us*; yet we ſhall let the People ſee what two Honeſt Fellows would be at; Fellows that can't be Biaſs'd neither by *Place* or *Penſion*, and are as much out of Danger of taking the Queen of *England*'s Gold as the *French* Kings. I ſay, Maſter, we may be Credited that we ſpeak our beſt for our Country; we are no *State Tools*; our Pens are not *Mercenary*, meer *Hacks*; we write Free without any *Equivocation*, *Mental Reſervation*, or *Siniſter Meaning* whatſoever.

Beſides, Sir, I hate the *French Tyrant*, and when we have a *Peace* we muſt not ſpeak againſt'n; he'll be then our Dear Friend and Ally, and by the Waters of *Peace* will be waſh'd as white as a *Devil*: And if we happen to call'n by his Juſt Titles, we ſhall be *Envoy'd*, *Hog'd*, and *Dog'd*, and I know not what; therefore, now we have an Opportunity and may do it ſafely, let us Rail at him Powerfully; there were a parcel of Honeſt Fellows in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, who had ventur'd Life and Limb, and loſt all in Defence of that Kings Father, but upon King *Charles*'s *Reſtauration* met with no Reward, as did moſt of thoſe that ſerv'd the *Royal Family*. Theſe Men being overcome, and chang'd by the *Ingratitude* of that Prince, did once a Year go to *France* on purpoſe to Curſe the King, becauſe they could Curſe him there without any Danger; ſo we'll do by the *French Tyrant*, we can Curſe him ſafely now becauſe we have *War*, and therefore let us *Curſe him bitterly*.

Obſ. You ought, *Country-man*, to *Bleſs thoſe that Curſe you*; *to Pray for thoſe that Deſpitefully uſe you and Perſecute you.* This is the Temper and Practice of a True *Chriſtian*.

Country-m. Aye, Maſter, and ſo I pray for his Soul, and do believe that one Drop of our Bleſſed *Saviours* Blood is able to waſh away that vaſt Ocean of Blood the *French Tyrant* has ſpilt; but my Prayer for his Perſon is, That God would Convert him, that is, turn him inſide out, his *Heart*, *Blood*, and *Guts* upon the Ground to be devour'd by the Dogs.

Maſter, I would have the *Allies* take out a Statute of *Lunacy* againſt him, ſeize on his Eſtate, and put him into the Cuſtody of my *Lord-Keeper*, who is to have the Care of *Lunaticks* and *Ideots*; or I would have him us'd like *Bajazet*, carried about in a Cage for a Show, or we'll put him into a *Peaſe-Cart*, and carry him to *Leaden-Hall Market*, were he ſhall be Pauited with *Rotten Eggs*, *Turnip-Tops*, and *Sheeps Trotters*. If I had the Power over him, I'll warrant him he ſhould never more Embroil *Europe*.

Obſ. Thou wilt have all the Sons of *Scycophantry* on thy Back for abuſing of *Crown'd Heads*; thou art a peſtilent Fellow, *Roger*.

But I am ſtill to maintain the Grand Point, That the *French* King ought to be *Depos'd*, and that without it *Europe* cannot expect a Solid and Laſting *Peace*.

I believe Mr. *Review* and our ſelves mean the ſame thing, that we are on the ſame ſide, and that we differ only about the Means to obtain the ſame End; but to leave the *French Nation* to their former *Liberty*, to limit both their *Crown* and its *Succeſſion*, to *Depoſe* the *French King* as a *Tyrant*, and leave his *Subjects* free to chuſe what *Government* they will erect for their own Safety, will not do our Buſineſs as the Caſe now ſtands.

The *French Subjects* will be *Slaves*, and whoever is their *King* muſt be a *Tyrant*; 'tis impoſſible to ſeparate the *Slave* from the *Frenchman*. *Frenchman* and *Slave* are *Synonimous Terms*, and mean the ſame thing. They are not themſelves without *Chains* and *Fetters* on their Legs; they can no more part with thoſe Ornaments of *Slavery*, than a *Spaniard* can with his *Ruff* and *Cloak*. Men accuſtomed to *Vaſſalage* have forgot the very Notions of *Liberty*, and 'tis as hard to reduce them to a State of *Freedom*, as to bring *Freemen* to a State of *Bondage*. We have an Inſtance before us in the People of *Spain*, who, upon the Death of their King, might have call'd in their Natural Prince from the Houſe of *Auſtria*, or might have re-aſſum'd their Ancient *Freedoms*, and Settled the Succeſſion of their *Crown* with the Limitations thereof: But inſtead of this, they fell to Knocking out one anothers Brains to know whoſe *Slaves* they ſhould be, and Subjected themſelves to the moſt *Oppreſſive Calamity*, a *French Tyranny*.

From this it appears, That ſhould we *Depoſe Lewis* XIVth, *Tyrant of France*, and ſet up what ſome Unthinking Men might wiſh for, a *Proteſtant King*, with *Proteſtant Subjects* only, that *Proteſtant King* would be a *Tyrant*, and thoſe *Proteſtant Subjects* would be *Slaves*; and may'nt *Europe* fear as much from a *Proteſtant* as a *Popiſh Tyrant*? The *Religion* does not alter the *Perſon*, his *Ambition*, his *Intentions* of *Dominion*, nor his *Deſigns* of *Rapine* and *Piracy*. There have been as Black Things acted under the Covert of *Religion*, and in the Name of *God*, as there have been done under the Covert of *Holy Church*, and in the Name of the *Devil*.

Methinks

Methinks, when I ſpeak of this, I ſee the Backs riſe of many of our Unthinking *Proteſtants*, *What does this* Obſervator *mean to Reflect on the* French Proteſtants *at this rate, as if they were enclined to* Slavery *as the* Popiſh Subjects *of* France? Pray, Gentlemen, don't be Angry before you have heard me out; and if I don't prove 'em to be *Slaves* by *Principle*, and that they are not to be Truſted with their own *Liberties*, then blame me, provided you diſprove me.

Neither my Time or Strength will allow me to Enumerate many Particulars; nor does the Neceſſity of the Caſe require it to ſhow how much the *French* are addicted to *Slavery*, both *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants*; our own Experience and Obſervations of the *Refugees* among us will make the thing Evident.

But what I ſay is, That the *French Proteſtants* were for *Slavery*, when they were a *Church*, and held their *Synods*, and at a time when they could have Contended with their *Tyrant*, and have ſettled themſelves in the Poſſeſſion of that *Liberty*, wherein *Chriſt* had ſet them Free. But inſtead of that they Ignominiouſly trucked to their *Tyrant*, juſtify'd his *Oppreſſions* by their *Paſſive-Obedience* and *Non-Reſiſtance*, and even Courted *Perſecution* by giving up their *Cauſe* to *Arbitrary Power*, and a *Slaviſh Submiſſion*.

Say they in their Letter to the King from the *Synod* of *Caſtres*, 'As for our ſelves, Sir, we do in the moſt Solemn Manner profeſs unto Your Majeſty, that let our Condition be what it will, Happy or Miſerable, yet are we, thro' Grace, reſolv'd to Live and Dye in a moſt *Inviolable Fidelity* to Your Majeſties *Perſon* and *Government*. Very well, and what *Tyrant* would not Perſecute a People when he had their own Conſent and Aſſurances of their Fidelity for ſo doing?

Let any one read their Letter to the *French* King in the Second *Synod* of *Charcuton*, and ſee whether there are any more *Submiſſive Slaves* under the Copes of Heaven; they call their *Tyrant the moſt lively Portraicture of God on Earth*, and uſe ſuch Expreſſions as an *Indian Slave* would be aſham'd of; and the ſame you may find in their ſecond Letter from that Aſſembly; as alſo in thoſe from the *Synod* of *Alanſon*. You have abundance more of his Stuff in the third *Synod* of *Charcuton*, and that of *Loudun*.

Indeed, when I have read their Acts in their *Synods*, I have been aſhamed of their *Fulſome Slaviſh Expreſſions*, amounting to *Blaſphemy*, but much more as coming from *Proteſtants*, who are able to maintain their *Juſt Rights*. And whoever has read the Memoirs of the Duke of *Rohan*, may ſee the Opportunity they had of doing it under the Command of that Great Leader.

No, *Roger*, no Quarter to the *French* King, let him be what he will, of what Deſcent or Nation ſoever, he will be a *Tyrant*, and let his Subjects be either *Papiſts* or *Proteſtants*, they will be *Slaves*, and we can't help it. And a Prince and People of ſuch *Tempers* and *Inclinations* will ſtill be a Plague to *Europe*. *Ambition* knows no Bounds; and every *Ambitious Prince* will enlarge his Territories when he has an Opportunity, and then we muſt be knocking of Gates to get him within Bounds again.

Therefore let us knock down the *French* King once for All; he and his, the preſent *Tyrant* and his *Succeſſors*; *What is bred in the Bone, will never out of the Fleſh*; the *Cub* will grow a *Bear*; the *Whelp* will become a *Lion*, extend his Paws and ſeize the Prey; we muſt kill the *Nits* with the *Lice* if we intend to keep the Body wholeſome and free from *Vermin*. I hope yet to ſee it written over the Gates of *Paris*, *Exit Ludovicus Tyrannum ultimus*. Lewis *the Fourteenth, Tyrant of* France *has made his Exit*.

Country-m. I don't care if I go to *France* to read that Inſcription. We will down with the Old *Grizly Tyrant*, we will Root him out of the Earth, his Name ſhall Periſh from the Earth, and his Memory ſhall Rot. But, Maſter, what do you think, Gaffer *Rehearſal* has made a Propoſal for pulling down the *French* King.

Obſ. That's pretty odd, that he ſhould make a Propoſal for pulling down the *French* King, who has made ſo many for ſetting up *Perkin*.

Country-m. He would have our three *Deſcent-Men* ſent into *France* to Debauch the Minds of the *French* Kings Subjects with *Whiggiſh Principles*.

Obſ. The three *Deſcent-Men* are the Children of his own Brain, and have their Exiſtence no where elſe. Now is not this an Imprudent Fellow to propoſe to put the *Government* to the Charge of Tranſporting his Maggots? I ſhould, indeed, be glad that he and his Maggots, he and All his Brethren were in *France*; but I would rather the *Government* ſhould be at the Charge of Hanging or Drowning than of Tranſporting them. They ſhall have my Conſent to Tranſport themſelves to Recruit the *French* Kings Army, for then we ſhall have an Opportunity of deſtroying our Home and Foreign Enemies on the ſame Spot of Ground; they are meer *Bounce*, a Company of *Rattles*.

Country-m. Aye, ſo they are, Maſter, and *Leſley* has more need of a *French Surgeon* to cut him for the Simples, than to ſend his Maggots a Travelling into *France*. Come, Maſter, with one Bumper to the *French* King's Downfall we'll go to Bed.

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